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2. European Patent Publication No. 0 577 259 A1, published January 5, 1994.
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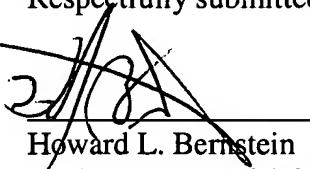
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